# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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BREEDS AND MILK PRODUCTION
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether under Operation Flood project an important National Milch Herd set up had been proposed for its success;

(b) it so, the details of this scheme and set up indicating in detail whether these objectives and targets were fully met specially in respect of India`s 30 descript native breeds and milk production targets;

(c) whether rural urban divide has widened in respect of per capita milk consumption as a result of failure of milk productivity;

(d) whether average intake of nutrients in rural areas is 70g/ day against 250g/day in urban areas and 40g in slum areas of urban areas;

(e) whether an independent analysis carried out by the initiatives of NGO, Mumbai is in harmony with these findings; and

(f) if so, the corrective steps proposed by the Government in future planning at NDDB?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): National Milch Herd, inter alia, was one of the objectives of the Operation Flood II programmeIt aimed at providing artificial services etc to enable members to breed improved milch animals.

The international funding agencies while evaluating the Operation Flood programme however, monitored the genetic improvement by looking at the achievements of revised targets for dairy cooperative societies covered by artificial inseminations, AI done per year, etc. The revised targets in these areas were by and large met.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): These estimates of intake of nutrients are based on NGO`s publication named `The White Challenge` and Government of India cannot comment on the authenticity of this data.

(e): Since these findings are quoted from the studies of Initiatives, an NGO based in Mumbai, the question of harmony between the two does not arise.

(f): Does not arise in view of information furnished above at (e).